

VAWTER CASE ON

Court Room Filled With Friends of Both Parties.

The Day Is Taken Up In Obtaining a Jury.

THE DEFENDANT IS WEALTHY

He Is Charged With an Attempt at Assault.

Plaintiff Was a Teacher in the Waveland School.

Most of the population of the Waveland neighborhood is in the courtroom of the first division of the district court today, awaiting developments in the case of the state against Alfred Vawter, the young farmer charged with an attempted assault upon Miss Bertha Curran, the Waveland school teacher.

There will be no thrills for the visitors today. It will take all day to get a jury in the case. In order to qualify as a juror in the Vawter case a man must know absolutely nothing about the facts, must know none of the Vawters, none of Bertha Curran's friends and none of the attorneys on either side of the case. That is indicated by the questions put to each juror by the attorneys. He must listen to the evidence with his mind as nearly a blank as possible.

There was a titter over the courtroom today when it was discovered that, thru an error in making up the transcript, Vawter was charged by Bertha Curran with petty larceny. The official making up the transcript had named on the wrong copy. John Schenck, attorney for Vawter, furnished considerably over the change and it was necessary to put Hugh Fisher, judge of the court of Topeka, and Douglas Graham, clerk of the same court, on the stand to verify the fact that Vawter was bound over to the district court on the charge of attempted assault.

Vawters Are Wealthy.

Vawter, a former Washburn student, with his aged mother and a large number of their friends occupy one side of the room. The Vawters are among the most wealthy farmers of Shawnee county. Mrs. Vawter is said to own many quarter sections of valuable farming land. John Schenck, alone, is handling the case of the Vawters. On the other side of the table sit W. E. Atchison, county attorney; Robert Garver and Rad M. Lee, assistants, and Ed Rooney, special counsel employed by friends of Bertha Curran. The country school teacher sits just behind her counsel, flanked by numerous friends from the Waveland district.

The stage is all set for the trial of the case which has stirred south Shawnee county to its depths—a case which has drawn a line thru the neighborhood causing one neighbor to meet another on the road without speaking. The character of the questions put to the jurors indicates that it is to go on record as the hardest fought case tried in the local district court for many years.

Miss Curran's Story.

Bertha Curran charges that last spring, before her school closed, she was attacked in an outbuilding at the school house; that after she stepped inside a man dressed in old clothing, his face covered with a veil and his hands covered with gloves, pushed his way in and attempted to assault her. She stated at the preliminary hearing that no sound was uttered by the man while she struggled with him; that she bit his thumb and attempted to tear the veil from his face but failed.

She stated that a little later, one of her pupils, heard the commotion in the outbuilding and came to the door and called her. Then, she said, her assailant ran out the door, and she followed him. She reported the attack immediately and the neighborhood armed itself and went searching for a man fitting the description. Albert Meyer, a farm hand, was captured and brought to Topeka for safe keeping in the county jail.

Miss Curran looked Meyer over later and declared he was not the man. A few days later she swore to the complaint charging Vawter with being her assailant. She did not explain at the preliminary why she failed to charge Vawter with the assault at the time

her neighbors captured Meyer, except to say that she was not yet ready to mention the name.

Charles Hixon, deputy sheriff, testified at the preliminary that Alfred Vawter kept an injured thumb out of sight all the one day Hixon was working on the case.

It is said that John Schenck, Vawter's attorney, will bring other names into the case.

HOT ON THE TRAIL

First Arrest on a Warrant Has Been Made

In Connection With the Robbery of Hurd Home.

The first arrest has been made, on a warrant, in connection with the burglary of the A. A. Hurd residence, six weeks ago, when more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry was stolen. A warrant was issued for James Foy, a local character, Tuesday evening, and he was under arrest.

Altho no warrant has been issued for him, Clarence Anderson is being held in the county jail in connection with the burglary. Mark Williams, who was picked up upon the strength of an affidavit was released.

Robert Miller, city detective, is in Kansas City today, trying to locate Harry Smith, who is believed to have been the burglar. So far as local officers have been able to learn, the Topekan who may have had part in it merely watched while Smith burgled the house. Smith is a Kansas City police character, and was here with a stand during the state fair.

Clarence Anderson was the first man picked up. He was arrested by Hugh Larimer, undersheriff, after he had attempted to sell a ring which was identified as having belonged to the Hurd collection. He was released after he took a local officer to the Hurd collection. He was released after he took a local officer to the Hurd collection. He was released after he took a local officer to the Hurd collection.

The sheriff's force and the police department have been co-operating upon this robbery, since it occurred, and believe they are about ready to close in upon a gang of local burglars.

GOOD-BYE GLEN-WOOD

The Place Will Be Known as Hotel Room Hereafter.

With more than \$2,000 expended for improvements and repairs the old Glen Wood hotel, at the corner of Kansas and Fourth streets, will be re-named the ranks of Topeka, hostelry November 1. But among the repairs and improvements the "Glen Wood" has been made and it will be known as the "Hotel Room." The hotel will be under the management of J. C. Reichey, its lessee.

A feature of the new hotel is the probable installation of mineral baths in the basement. The baths will be in charge of a Topeka physician. It is expected that the baths will be installed before winter.

OPEN SHIP BIDS

High Cost of Material Hits Uncle Sam's Navy.

Washington, Oct. 25.—When bids for four new battleships and twenty destroyers—the largest single order ever placed by the navy—were opened today it was disclosed that the government faces the soaring prices of structural materials in perfecting the navy building program. Altho the department has allowed \$3,000,000 more for each battleship than it did last year and placed a limit of \$11,500,000 for hull and machinery alone, the bidding ran with a close margin.

No Fourth Reprieve.

Albany, Oct. 25.—Charles F. Stielaw, three times reprieved while under sentence of death for the murder of Charles D. Phelps at West Shelby, Orleans county, March 21, 1915, was re-sentenced by the court of appeals today to be executed at Sing Sing prison during the week beginning December 11.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Furnished by the Weather Bureau Office, Topeka, Kan., for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. Wednesday.

Station	High	Low	Pres.	Wind	Clouds	Remarks
Topeka, Kan.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Beacon, Mass.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Buffalo, N. Y.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Calgary, Alb.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Chicago, Ill.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Cincinnati, O.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Cleveland, Ohio	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Concordia, Kan.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Corpus Christi, Tex.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Denver, Colo.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Des Moines, Ia.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Dodge City, Kan.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Duluth, Minn.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
El Paso, Tex.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Fort Worth, Tex.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Galveston, Tex.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Hartford, Conn.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Indianapolis, Ind.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Little Rock, Ark.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Los Angeles, Cal.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Memphis, Tenn.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
New Orleans, La.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
New York, N. Y.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Omaha, Neb.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Oklahoma City, Okla.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Phoenix, Ariz.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Portland, Ore.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
St. Joseph, Mo.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
St. Louis, Mo.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
St. Paul, Minn.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Salt Lake, Utah	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Santa Fe, N. M.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Seattle, Wash.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Shanghai, China	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Spokane, Wash.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
St. Paul, Minn.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Tampa, Fla.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Toledo, O.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Union City, N. J.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Washington, D. C.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Wichita, Kan.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	
Winnipeg, Man.	50	32	30.2	0	Cloudy	

MORE WOMEN HERE

Thirty Speakers to Flood City With Oratory.

Mrs. Raymond Robins, Headliner, on Hughes Special.

All sections of Topeka will be visited Friday by Republican women workers from the east during a four hour and forty-five minute stop. The women, who have been touring the country in a special train, in the interests of Charles Evans Hughes, will arrive in Topeka at 10:15 o'clock Friday morning and will leave at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Arrangements are being made to provide quarters in different parts of the city for speakers by the thirty speakers on the train. The principal meeting will be held at the auditorium. Mrs. Raymond Robins, is probably the most famous woman on the Hughes special, and she will be one of the speakers at the auditorium. Mrs. Robins is active in labor circles and devotes her time to talking on the Adams law. Miss Elizabeth Freeman of New York, will speak to the negro women.

Other speakers will be: Mary Antin, lecturer and author, a Russian emigrant; Dr. Katherine B. Davis, chairwoman of the parole board of New York city; Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott, daughter of Julia Ward Howe; Mrs. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, wife of the former attorney of the American embassy in Mexico; and Mrs. J. C. Reichey, its lessee.

The women talk exclusively on national subjects and are under the direction of the Republican national committee. Speaking places are being selected today.

NO FOOD EMBARGO

Nothing Short of War or Famine Will Cause Officials to Act.

Washington, Oct. 25.—There will be no regulation of exports of foodstuffs in this country, barring actual famine or war, except to prevent illegal combinations. This statement was made today by a high administration authority.

Administration blames the high cost of living on the war and the resulting demand of the European countries for American wheat, flour, meat and goods generally—including the leather which has been used to make shoes.

They figure that the farmer, after years of getting the worst of it, is now getting the best of it. They figure, too, that the retailer in any event will "get him"—despite embargoes or regulation of prices.

\$10,000, BROOM CORN

Kansas Farmer Gets Record Check for His Crop.

Hutchinson, Kan., Oct. 25.—Ten thousand dollars was paid in one check by B. C. Garret, local buyer, to J. W. Garrett, for his broom corn crop. This is the largest single deal of the season, so far reported.

LOCAL MENTION

Scott Hopkins was called to Holton today by the serious illness of his mother.

The members of the Washburn College Glee club were announced today. They are: Russell Swiler, Scottville, Davidson; and Crawford, Harry Becker, Beryl Johnson, Otis Young, Burkoyne Griffing, first tenor; Leo Helm, Elmer Dungan, Orville Veatch, Ralph Moore, Leslie Cable, second tenor; Robert Bell, John Troxell, Ray Lawless, Ralph Pettus, Harold Smythe, baritone; Chester Sterling, Paul Bush, Howard Cox, Leon Holman, Frank Meyer, basses.

J. M. Switzer of Dayton, O., spoke to the high school students this morning on the "City Manager Plan of Municipal Government."

T. F. B. Holloway danced at Moose hall, Wednesday evening, October 25. Admission 25 cents per couple. Members free.—Adv.

Owing to a typographical error in the Manhattan Cleaners' advertisement yesterday, suits were advertised cleaned and pressed for 75c instead of \$1.00.

On account of the inclement weather, the meeting of the Flood congress, headed by a government engineer, scheduled to be held at the Topeka Commercial club, has been postponed until December 1, according to an announcement made today. It was planned that members of the conference committee, which was to investigate flooded regions throughout Kansas, should leave Kansas City this morning by automobile and arrive in Topeka tonight.

Dance on the "Big-Springs-Floor" tonight at Kellam hall. Admission 25c.—Adv.

CLASS IS LIBERAL

Seniors of Washburn Pledge \$2,275 to Fund.

Freshmen of Phi Delta Theta Give \$200 Delta.

'FRIEND' GIVES ONE THOUSAND

Another Topekan Donates 3

Lots to College Today.

Total of Nearly \$48,000 Is Reached by the Boosters.

The Washburn endowment fund went up over \$4,000 during the last three days. At the noon rally of the workers today, a total of \$3,344 was reported, bringing the total of the present campaign up to \$47,961. Two of the teams which had been working in the campaign the first two weeks were not represented at the meeting today and no report was received as to what pledges they had secured.

The largest single pledge of the campaign was announced today when the senior class, at a meeting of the college signed pledges totaling \$2,275. After making this pledge some of the members of the class asked that it be not closed as the members felt certain that the total could be raised to \$3,000 within the next few days. The members of the graduating class will pay their dues to the college earnings during the five years following commencement.

One of Topeka's big business houses sent in a pledge for \$1,000 with the request that the name of this business house be withheld from publication.

Santa Fe shopman, who has always been greatly interested in Washburn, gave the college three vacant lots today. The college will be given a deed to the lots by Saturday. The lots are worth over \$100 now and have been increasing in value for some time. They will double in value in the next few years.

President Womer told the workers today of two incidents in his campaign work that were of great help to the workers. When he was out in western Kansas last summer he secured a pledge of one hundred dollars from a man. The next day he secured a pledge for double that amount from the same man and the next day secured a pledge that raised the total to five hundred dollars. When the Topeka campaign began two weeks ago a Topeka man made a pledge of \$125. A few days later he gave two hundred dollars and then gave an additional \$175, bringing his total to \$500.

The workers will meet at the Commercial club next Saturday for the noonday luncheon and making the reports of what has been accomplished for the week.

Pledges of Over \$50.

The pledges of fifty dollars or more announced today were:	
G. E. Seybold	\$50.00
S. N. Hawkes	50.00
Shenck's Bookery	50.00
Freshmen of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity	250.00
Friend	100.00
V. R. Kistler	100.00
McEntire Bros.	100.00
Dr. H. L. Alkire	100.00
S. C. Wear	100.00
F. W. Freeman	100.00
S. G. H. Wright	50.00
Zinn & Worley	50.00
A. Friend	175.00
J. Don Sullivan	50.00
R. A. Maxwell	100.00
Fanny Stevens	100.00
D. W. Whitford	50.00
J. F. Switzer	50.00
M. Alexander	225.00
Senior Class, Washburn College	2,275.00
A. Friend	100.00
Other contributions	100.00
Previously reported	\$2344.00
Total	\$47961.00

SIGN WAGE CONTRACTS

Eight Hour Day Granted to Shop Men on Rock Island.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Shopmen employed by the Rock Island railroad have signed a new wage contract which provides for an increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour for journeymen east of the Missouri river and increases for lower paid employees ranging from half a cent to 14 cents.

Eight hours will be a day's work in "back shops" and nine in round-houses. It was also reported that the International and Great Northern and Missouri, Kansas & Texas would make a similar agreement with the shopmen.

Turks Sink 3,000 Ton Transport.

Constantinople, Oct. 25.—Turkish troops which with their allies crossed the Constantinople-Medlida railway line in Dobruja are pursuing the retreating Russians says an official statement issued today by the Turkish war office.

The sinking of the Rumanian coast of a 3,000 ton transport by Turkish submarine also is reported.

"Does your wife know how to keep house?" She won't bet she doesn't. From mortgaging out to buy an automobile.—Boston Transcript.

QUICK RELIEF FROM CONSTIPATION

Get Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

That is the joyful cry of thousands since Dr. Edwards produced Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel.

Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and calomel's old-time enemy, discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients for chronic constipation and torpid livers.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel, but a healing, soothing vegetable laxative.

No griping is the "keynote" of these little sugar-coated, olive-colored tablets. They cause the bowels to move as naturally. They never force them to unnatural action.

If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then—a bad breath—a dull, tired feeling—a sick headache—a torpid liver and are constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant results from one or two little Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets at bedtime.

Thousands take one or two every night just to keep right. Try them 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

[Advertisement.]

BOATS SINK FIVE

Heavy Loss by Norwegian Steamships in Submarine Raids.

London, Oct. 25.—The sinking by German submarines of five more Norwegian steamships valued at about five million kroner is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Christiania.

Shipping Shares Drop.

Shipping shares dropped considerably on the Christiania exchange today. The four tonnage exchange and the schooner Theodore together with the Swedish schooners Antoinette and Henriette, are among the latest submarine victims, adds the dispatch.

The Tidens Tegn of Christiania states that one boat with six men from the Norwegian steamer Eavre reported sunk by a German submarine at Arctic on October 2, has been lost while another boat with eleven men on board, rederer a lonely part of the Russian Murman coast after driving thirteen hours.

Norway Coast Blocked.

News agency reports from Copenhagen that the German navy is now dispatching a number of submarines to the coast. The German navy is now dispatching a number of submarines to the coast. The German navy is now dispatching a number of submarines to the coast.

PERSHING GETS READY

Heavy Shipment of Trench Tools and Sand Bags to Expedition.

Columbus, N. M., Oct. 25.—Heavy shipments of trenching tools, picks, shovels, crow bars and sand bags have arrived here. It is said they are for the expedition to Mexico.

Officers take the shipments as an indication of a possible renewal of activity in the field.

The troops are to remain here. Recently the hands of the Fifth, Seventh and Ninth divisions were ordered to the border when these regiments went south were ordered to rejoin their commands.

BANDITS KILL MARINES

U. S. Captain and Sergeant Slain by Santo Domingo Outlaws.

Washington, Oct. 25.—A navy report from Colonel Pendleton, commanding American marines at Santo Domingo, today stated that Capt. W. L. Lewis and Sergeant Frank Atwood were killed and First Lieut. John Marston of the Third was injured when marines went to arrest Ramon Butist, a Dominican bandit, Baitist, according to the report, was killed.

First Lieut. John Marston of the Third was injured by a fall, presumably in the fight, and the dispatch gave no details. The bandit, Ramon Butist, was killed. The dispatch did not say where the fight occurred. It adds that conditions otherwise are quiet.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MRS. RALPH TUCKERMAN, age 71, formerly of Topeka, died Monday night in Elgin, Okla. The body will arrive here Thursday morning and the funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Penwell's chapel. Interment in Topeka cemetery.

Mrs. LAURETTA IRVIN, who died Tuesday at her home, 523 East Eighth avenue, will be buried Thursday in Topeka cemetery. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock at Conwell's chapel.

New York Money Market.

New York, Oct. 25.—Money—Mercantile paper, 2 1/2 per cent. Sterling, 60 day bills, 4 1/4; commercial, 60 day bills, 4 1/4; demand, 4 1/4; cables, 4 1/4. French demand, 5 1/4; cables, 5 1/4. Marks, demand, 12 1/4; cables, 12 1/4. Kronen, demand, 12 1/4; cables, 12 1/4. Gold, demand, 4 1/4; cables, 4 1/4. Silver, demand, 4 1/4; cables, 4 1/4. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, firm: 60 days, 3 1/4; 90 days and 6 months, 3 1/4. Call money, steady; high, 2 1/4; low, 2 1/4; ruling rate, 2 1/4; last loan, 2 1/4; closing bid, 2 1/4; offered at 2 1/4.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, Oct. 25.—COTTON—Spot, quiet; middling upland, 19 1/2. No sales.

New Orleans Cotton Market.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—COTTON—Spot, firm, higher; middling, 18 1/2.

New York Stock Market.

[Closing prices for the leading stocks on the New York Stock Exchange as reported by Thos. J. Myers, Broker, Columbia Bldg.]

New York, Oct. 25.

Am. S. & R. Co.	110
Am. S. & R. Co.	117 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	103 1/2
Am. Tel. & T.	133 1/2
Am. Tobacco	103 1/2
Anaconda Mining	92 1/2
A. T. & S. F. Co.	107 1/2
Atlantic Locomotive	107 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	88 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	61 1/2
Brooklyn R.	103 1/2
Canada Pacific	170 1/2
Central Leather	103 1/2
Chenapeake & Ohio	98 1/2
Chicago & Northwestern	91 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	101 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	94 1/2
Culmo Copper	268 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	103 1/2
Crucible Steel	86 1/2
Edison Electric	123 1/2
Great Northern, P.	118 1/2
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Inspiration	87 1/2
K. C. Southern, C.	87 1/2
Kenn. Copper	271 1/2
Lackawanna Steel	87 1/2
Lehigh Valley	92 1/2
Maxwell Motors	88 1/2
Minn. Copper	268 1/2
M. & K. T. P.	94 1/2
Missouri Pacific	98 1/2
National Lead	74 1/2
Nev. Can. Copper	92 1/2
N. Y. Central	108 1/2
N. Y. S. & R. & H.	103 1/2
Norfolk & Western	141 1/2
Norfolk Pacific	112 1/2
Penn. Railroad	112 1/2
Ray Can. Copper	92 1/2
Reading	106 1/2
Southern Railway, C.	28 1/2
Studebaker	123 1/2
Tenn. Copper	268 1/2
Union Pacific, C.	155 1/2
Union Pacific, C.	155 1/2
U. S. Steel, C.	118 1/2
U. S. Steel, C.	118 1/2
Utah Copper	93 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	67 1/2